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60130-1303; 01MRA0194**REMARKS**

Claims 16, 17, 25-27 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement for containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the art that the inventor had possession of the claimed invention. Claim 16 has been amended to recite the step of painting a door outer panel.

The Examiner states that the recitation in claim 29 that "the outer door panel is supported entirely by the door inner panel" is not supported in the specification. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Paragraph 65 of the specification states that "a known method of securing an outer panel to an inner panel is to 'hem' the edge of the outer panel i.e. to deform it around the corresponding edge of the inner panel." This supports that the outer door panel is entirely supported by the door inner panel.

Additionally, the Examiner states that the seal 73 in Figure 3 and a locking mechanism supports the outer door panel. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Figure 6 shows that the seal 73 is fitted directly to the outer panel 38. Therefore, it is the outer panel 38 that supports the seal 73, rather than the seal 73 supporting the outer panel 38. Additionally, no locking mechanism connection from the outer panel 38 to the latch is shown. The only connection between the latch assembly and the outer panel 38 is the component 29, shown in Figure 2. The component 29 is not capable of providing any support. Additionally, as the outer panel 38 is the final panel to be assembled as shown in Figure 6, the outer panel 38 is supported only by the inner panel.

Claims 1, 4-8, 19, 20 22-24 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Palazzolo (US 6,164,716). Claim 28 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Palazzolo. Palazzolo does not disclose an anti intrusion beam assembled on an outer face of a door inner panel as claimed. The Examiner calls the horizontal rib 66 an anti intrusion beam. The horizontal rib 66 provides an area to secure door hardware 60 to an intermediate member 26. Palazzolo specifically discloses that "since the structural material 58 dissipates the impact energy, impact beams are not required to absorb additional energy" (column 3, lines 12 to 14). That is, Palazzolo specifically discloses that it does not include any anti intrusion beams. The claimed invention is not anticipated, and Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

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Additionally, the claimed invention recites method steps in a specific order. Palazzolo does not disclose any specific order of assembly for the various components. Therefore, the claimed invention is also not anticipated.

Claims 16, 17, 21 and 25-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Palazzolo alone or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Palazzolo in view of Pacella. (US 6,328,359). The Examiner states that it is inherent that a door inner panel is painted because doors are painted to match the desired color of the body of the vehicle. The Examiner states that Parcella teaches a painted door inner panel 40. The Examiner states that it would be obvious to paint the door inner panel of Palazzolo in view of Pacella to provide a door inner panel with a desired color. Applicant respectfully disagrees.

The claimed invention is not obvious. The claims have been amended to recite that the door outer panel is painted. Additionally, Palazzolo does not teach an anti intrusion beam. Therefore, even if a painted door was added to Palazzolo, the claimed invention is not obvious because Palazzolo does not disclose, suggest or teach a method of assembling a door including the step of assembling an anti intrusion beam on an outer face of a door inner panel as claimed. The claimed invention is not obvious, and Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

Thus, claims 1-29 are in condition for allowance. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482, in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds, P.C., \$120.00 for the one month extension of time fee. No additional fee are seen to be required. If any additional fees are due, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482, in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds, P.C., for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment. Therefore, favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

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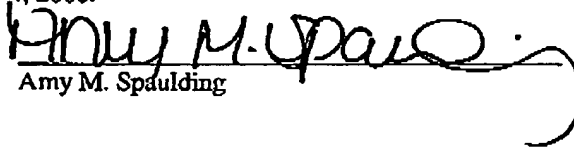


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